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## NOTES AND NEWS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Society will be held at Mendelssohn Hall, No. 119 West Fortieth Street, on Tuesday, the 27th of January, 1903, at 8.30 o'clock P.M.

After the presentation of reports, the election of Fellows, and other business, Prof. William Libbey will address the Society on his recent visit to the Jordan Valley and Petra.

On the 17th of February, Prof. E. L. Stevenson, of Rutgers College, will read a paper on Martin Waldseemüller and the Earliest Cartography of the New World.

THE AMERICAN ALPINE CLUB has for its objects the Scientific Exploration and Study of the Higher Mountain Elevations and of the regions lying within or about the Arctic and Antarctic Circles, the cultivation of the Mountain Craft, and the Promotion and Dissemination of Knowledge regarding the regions above indicated.

Those are eligible for membership who have made the ascent of one or more mountain elevations "acceptable" to the Board of Directors; no mountain to be allowed which does not rise 2,000 feet above the snow-line of its region;

Those who have conducted exploration in the Arctic or Antarctic tracts, or contributed substantially to a knowledge of the natural phenomena of those regions and of the regions of high mountain elevations;

And those who are engaged in the special study of (recent) glacial phenomena.

The constituted home of the Club is Philadelphia.

The President is Charles E. Fay and the Secretary Henry G. Bryant, 2013 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

THE PORTRAITS in the *Almanach de Gotha* for 1903 are those of Alexandra, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Edward VII, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, and Chrétien Ernest, Prince of Stolberg.

The editors record the disappearance of the South African Republic and the Orange Free State and the entrance of Cuba to her place among the nations.

A reference to the statistics of Greece shows that the areas of the 26 Provinces, created by the law of July 6, 1899, are still undetermined.

MINERVA, for 1902-3, registers on page 1147 the foundation of the British Academy and the names of the first 49 members. The frontispiece of this twelfth volume is a portrait of Léopold Delisle, the head of the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris.

U. S. BOARD on Geographic Names—Decisions, Dec. 3, 1902.

ARABELLA: island (Canadian), in the St. Lawrence river, near Clayton, Jefferson County, N. Y. (Not Ambella nor Amelia.)

BEHESTIAN: township, Ouachita County, Arkansas. (Not Behrstian.)

BRAKEL: creek, Chenango and Cortland Counties, N. Y. (Not Brackel nor Braket.)

CANADARAGO: lake, Otsego County, N. Y. (Not Schuyler.)

CAPE ROSIER: P. O., Hancock County, Me. (Not Cape Rozier.)

CATATONK: creek, P. O. and R.R. station, Tioga County, N. Y. (Not Catatunk.)

CHANNAHATCHEE: creek, Elmore County, Alabama. (Not Cedar.)

DIDDELL: P. O. and R.R. station, Dutchess County, N. Y. (Not Didell.)

FREEO: bayou Douglas and Ouachita Counties, and township, Ouachita County, Ark. (Not Frio.)

GRENELL: island, in St. Lawrence river, and P. O., Jefferson County, N. Y. (Not Grennell, Grinnell, nor Stuart.)

HEART: island, in St. Lawrence river, Jefferson County, N. Y. (Not Hart nor Hemlock.)

IONIA: P. O., R.R. station and village, Ontario County, N. Y. (Not Millers Corners.)

LAKE OF THE ISLES: lake on Wellesley island, St. Lawrence river, Jefferson County, N. Y. (Not Waterloo.)

LEEK: island (Canadian), St. Lawrence river, near Grindstone island, Jefferson County, N. Y. (Not Leak nor Leake.)

LITTLE TOBEHANNA: creek, Schuyler County, N. Y. (Not Little Tobyhanna.)

LOUNSBERRY: locality, P. O. and R.R. station, Tioga County, N. Y. (Not Canfields Corners.)

MCGRAW: P. O., R.R., station and village, Cortland County, N. Y. (Not McGrawville.)

MILLEN: bay, St. Lawrence river, Jefferson County, N. Y. (Not Mellen nor Millens.)

MUD: lake, Jefferson County, N. Y. (Not Edmund nor Edmonds.)

NOWADAGA: creek, Herkimer County, N. Y. (Not Indian Castle nor Nouadaga.)

OCQUIONIS: creek, Otsego and Herkimer Counties, N. Y. (Not Fish.)

OSBURN: P. O. and R.R. station, Shoshone County, Idaho. (Not Osborne.)

PETRI: P. O. and R.R. station, Hancock County, Ky. (Not Petrie nor Petri Station.)

PHILOMEL: creek, Jefferson County, N. Y. (Not Phileman nor Philemon.)

SALURRIOUS: point, Lake Ontario, Jefferson County, N. Y. (Not Vesuvius.)

SAVILTON: locality and P. O., Orange County, N. Y. (Not Savill. Savil nor Saville.)

SHADOW: brook, Otsego County, N. Y. (Not East Springfield.)

STANBRO: village, Chenango County, N. Y. (Not Stambro.)

STERLING: township, Vernon County, Wis. (Not Stirling.)

SOCAPATOY: creek, precinct and village, Coosa County, Alabama. (Not Socapartoy, Soccopotoy nor Sucapatova.)

TERLINGUA: creek, P. O. and village, Brewster County, Texas. (Not Latis Langua, Tarlinga, Tasa Lingo, Terlinga, nor Terlingo.)

TOBEHANNA: creek, Schuyler County, N. Y. (Not Tobyhanna nor Big Tobyhanna.)

TRAVELERS REST: P. O. and precinct, Coosa County, Ala. (Not Travellers Rest.)

TYGART: river, W. Va. (Not Tygarts Valley nor Valley.)

VANDUSER: P. O. and R.R. station, Ouachita County, Ark. (Not Vanduser nor Van Duser.)

VOLCAN: mountains, San Diego County, Cal. (Not Balcan nor Bolcan.)

WOLFE: island (Canadian), St. Lawrence river, near Clayton, Jefferson County, N. Y. (Not Grand nor Long.)